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SUBJ: TRANSFER OF UN DRUG UNITS TO VIENNA

1. THE DOCUMENTATION BEFORE THE UPCOMING FEBRUARY SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS ROUTINELY INCLUDES A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE UNGA OF INTEREST TO THE CND, INCLUDING THE DECISION CONCERNING THE DRUG UNITS' TRANSFER TO VIENNA. SINCE THIS ACTION IS CONTRARY TO THE RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE CND LAST YEAR AND TO VIEWS STRONGLY HELD BY MANY COMMISSION MEMBERS, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE VIENNA QUESTION MAY BE RAISED AGAIN AND THAT SOME FORMAL ACTION, SUCH AS A CALL FOR THE UNGA TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION, MAY BE SOUGHT. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE USDEL'S INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD COVER THIS CONTINGENCY.

2. THE CONSIDERATIONS FROM THE SUBSTANTIVE POINT OF VIEW ON THE QUESTION OF TRANSFER ARE SET FORTH IN DETAIL IN THE LAST REPORT OF THE CND. COMMENTS ARE ALSO CONTAINED IN GENEVA'S 6999 OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1976.

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3. IN REVIEWING THE U.S. POSITION, IT SEEMS TO US THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE POTENTIALLY CRIPPLING EFFECT OF A MOVE TO VIENNA ON UNFDAC'S OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES. WE NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE ACABQ, IN ITS REPORT TO THE UNGA, STATES THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT ALL COSTS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF FINANCED

BY VOLUNTARY FUNDS WOULD BE BORNE BY THOSE FUNDS. SINCE UNFDAC FINANCES 18 OF THE 49 PROFESSIONAL POSTS IN THE THREE DRUG UNITS, TRANSFER COSTS TO BE PAID BY UNFDAC WOULD APPEAR TO LOOM AS SUBSTANTIAL AND WOULD HAVE TO BE OFFSET BY A CORRESPONDING CUTBACK IN UNFDAC'S ONGOING OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES. MOREOVER, WE ARE NOT CLEAR AS TO WHETHER THE SECRETARIAT CONTEMPLATES THAT OTHER MOVING EXPENSES RELATED TO UNFDAC-FUNDED OPERATIONS SHOULD ALSO BE BORNE BY THE FUND, E.G., COSTS RELATED TO THE MOVING OF THE UN NARCOTICS LABORATORY'S EQUIPMENT OR TO THE MODIFICATION OF THE VIENNA FACILITIES THAT MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR THE LABORATORY. WE WOULD ASSUME THAT THE USG AS WELL AS OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING SOME DETAILED CLARIFICATION FROM THE SECRETARIAT ON THESE POINTS SO THAT THE TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR UNFDAC ARE CLEAR. CATTO

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